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April 4, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

LOBBYIST ORDINANCE PENALTY ASSESSMENTS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTE)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, direct County Counsel to bring civil action against U.S. Metals, a registered lobbyist employer, in the amount of \$2,000, for their failure to file a quarterly lobbying report for the period of October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.
2. In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, bar U.S. Metals from being granted a County contract, permit, grant, license or franchise and terminate their registration until such time as they are in compliance with the lobbyist ordinance.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer to notify U.S. Metals and all County Department and District Heads of your Board's action.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On April 6, 1993, your Board adopted Ordinance No. 93-0031 (Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code), the lobbyist ordinance. The ordinance requires that individuals and entities that seek to influence County officials register as lobbying firms or lobbyist employers. The ordinance also requires quarterly lobbying activity reports to be filed by all registrants. The ordinance contains certain penalties for those who fail to adhere to the provisions of the ordinance.

U.S. Metals registered as a lobbyist employer on April 2, 2004. They were notified on three different dates that they must submit a quarterly report for the period of October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. They have failed to file the quarterly report, pay the \$15 filing fee and pay the \$250 late penalty.

Attached are copies of the letters sent to U.S. Metals by my office. They have been notified by certified mail that this matter has been placed on your Board's agenda in the event a representative may wish to testify.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Total penalties in an amount of up to \$2,000 will partially offset County Counsel's expenses in preparing the suit against U.S. Metals. There are no other direct costs associated with this action because court fees are waived for the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 2.160.080 of the Los Angeles County Code requires lobbyist employers to submit quarterly lobbyist reports at the end of the month following each calendar quarter. U.S. Metals registered as a lobbyist employer on April 2, 2004. U.S. Metals was notified on December 27, 2006 that the quarterly report was due on January 31, 2007 covering the period of October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. On February 13, 2007, U.S. Metals was notified that the quarterly report had not been filed and a fine of \$250 would be imposed if the required report was not filed by February 27, 2007. On March 5, 2007, a certified letter was sent notifying U.S. Metals that the \$250 fine had been imposed and the report, filing fee and fine were required to be filed by March 15, 2007. Further, U.S. Metals was informed that if the report, filing fee and fine were not filed by March 15, 2007 additional penalties would be imposed for failure to comply with reporting requirements. The March 5, 2007 certified letter was returned as "Unclaimed". To date, the report has not been filed.

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In accordance with Section 2.160.150 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Executive Officer has determined that U.S. Metals has violated the lobbyist ordinance. The ordinance empowers your Board to impose sanctions on any person or entity in violation of the lobbyist ordinance, including but not limited to, directing the County Counsel to file a civil action.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the action recommended in this letter will have minor impact on the Office of the County Counsel, which will file a civil action against U.S. Metals in the Superior Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (5)

- c. Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

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 (213) 974-1411

December 27, 2006

TO: Lobbyist Employers
 FROM: Donato B. Garcia *DBG*
 Chief Auxiliary Services
 SUBJECT: QUARTERLY LOBBYIST REPORTS

Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Los Angeles County lobbyist registration ordinance, as amended, requires you to file quarterly reports of lobbyist employer activities. The ordinance imposes substantial penalties for failure to file the reports with the Executive Office by the end of the month following the close of the quarter.

This quarter's reports must be signed by the Responsible Officer for your organization and submitted to this office by **Wednesday, January 31, 2007**. Your quarterly report must cover the period from October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. **Even though you may not have had activity this quarter, you must still file a quarterly report.**

Enclosed you will find a Lobbyist Employer Quarterly Report (Form LOB 8) that you must file. If you, as a lobbyist employer, have in-house employee lobbyists, you must also file a Lobbyist Quarterly Report (Form LOB 6) for each in-house lobbyist.

NOTE: In the event you wish to terminate your organization's registration, you may do so by checking the box on the front page of the Form LOB 8 under Part I - Notice of Termination. However, if you only want to terminate the registration of an in-house employee, you must file an Amendment to Registration Statement (Form LOB 5) with this office.

The ordinance requires a \$15 fee to accompany the quarterly report(s). If paying by check, please make it payable to Los Angeles County.

The lobbyist registration ordinance also authorizes a \$250 fine for late filings. **We strongly urge you to file your quarterly report by the January 31, 2007 deadline.**

Enclosed are the forms you require based on your filing status. The forms must be **originally signed and mailed via the U.S. mail or other delivery services**. The report is not acceptable if it is filed via fax equipment. If you have questions or need additional forms, please call George Britton of my staff at (213) 974-1093.

Enclosure

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February 13, 2007

Mr. Ronaldo Garcia
U.S. Metals
1583 Fishburn Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Dear Mr. Garcia:

LOBBYIST QUARTERLY REPORT

By memo dated December 27, 2006, you were notified that, as a lobbying firm or as a lobbyist employer, you are required to file a quarterly activity report with our office by January 31, 2006. Your quarterly report has not been received.

Chapter 2.160, Section 2.160.140 of the Los Angeles County code imposes a \$250 fine for the late filing of the quarterly reports, in addition to the \$15 reporting fee. In order to avoid the additional fee of \$250 your quarterly report must be filed with our office by **Tuesday, February 27, 2007**.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 974-1578 or George Britton of my staff at (213) 974-1093.

Very truly yours,

DONATO B. GARCIA
CHIEF AUXILIARY SERVICES

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March 5, 2007

Mr. Ronaldo Garcia
U.S. Metals
1583 Fishburn Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Dear Mr. Garcia:

NOTICE OF FINE

According to our records, your Lobbyist Employer Quarterly Report (Form LOB 8) for the period of October through December of 2006 has not been filed with this office.

Our initial letter which accompanied your forms and explained your filing obligation was sent to you on December 27, 2006. On February 13, 2007, we again informed you of the filing requirements and that a fine of \$250 would be imposed if your quarterly report was not filed in this office by February 27, 2007.

Please remit to this office, by **Thursday, March 15, 2007**, a check or money order in the amount of \$250, made payable to the County of Los Angeles. You must still submit your quarterly report along with the \$15 filing fee by that same date.

If we do not receive your quarterly report, filing fee and payment of the \$250 fine by **Thursday, March 15, 2007**, there will be an immediate recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to terminate your registration. In addition, the recommendation will instruct County Counsel to file a civil lawsuit against your company in superior court. Legal action against you could result in a judgment against you that would include the actual cost of the filing fee and the actual cost of service of process. (Code of Civil Procedure section 1033)

We urge you to act immediately. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me at (213) 974-1578 or you may call George Britton of my staff at (213) 974-1093.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Auxiliary Services

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- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
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1. Article Addressed to:

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